## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 91-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FSET PARTICIPATION IN REALIGNMENT

This letter is to inform you of the change in the Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) Program sharing ratios resulting from the program realignment legislation that was recently enacted. The Operating and Participant Reimbursement ratios formerly shared at the 50 percent federal/25 percent state/25 percent county share are now to be shared at 50 percent federal/35 percent state/15 percent county. This new sharing ratio reflects the county share of 30 percent of the non-federal costs of administering the FSET Program, as provided in the realignment legislation. This new sharing ratio will result in less county costs in these costpools.

In order to determine your new County share, you should:

- 1) Identify the total amount of Program Operations (from the planning allocation) and Participant Reimbursement (from your county request) that would have been claimable at the old 50 percent federal/25 percent state/25 percent county rates.
- 2) Multiply each total (Participant Reimbursement and Program Operation) by 15 percent (total x .15). These figures represent the county share of the new 50 percent federal/ 35 percent state/15 percent county rates.
- 3) Subtract the new 15 percent county share from the old 25 percent county share. The difference in the county share reflects the savings to the county.

Please review your county plan update for Federal Fiscal Year 1992 to see how these changes will impact your county's operations. For example, after reviewing the new county share of costs you may wish to use the additional county funds to draw additional federal funds in the 50 percent federal/50 percent county overmatch costpool. In order to be eligible for these additional funds, the county must provide program cost justification to increase your county's share of the 50 percent federal/50 percent county overmatch in order to serve additional clients or to provide additional program components. We ask that you please notify the Department in writing, within three weeks, of any changes to your FSET funding level requests, number of participants to be served or components offered, if any, that will occur due to these sharing ratio shifts. If you do not plan any changes in your county operations, please advise your program analyst by phone.

If you have any questions concerning this funding level shift, please contact your program analyst at (916) 324-6962.

Please submit any written changes to your county plan to Mr. Greg Huerta, GAIN and Employment Services Policy Bureau, 744 P Street, M.S. 6-138, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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